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Atty. Docket No. 046124-5001-US

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Masahiro IWAMOTO *et al.*

Application No.: 08/878,177

Filed: June 18, 1997

For: CELL CALCIFICATION SUPPRESSING  
PROTEINS AND GENES OF THE  
PROTEINS

Group Art Unit: 1653

Examiner: K. Carlson, Ph.D.

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the Office Action mailed September 21, 2000, the period for response to which has been extended three months through March 21, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the claims:**

Please cancel claims 2, 20, 22, 24, and 33. Please amend claims 21 and 26, as follows:

21. An isolated nucleic acid encoding a C-11 protein comprising the amino acids as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2.

26. A vector incorporating the isolated nucleic acid of claim 21 or 25.

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